UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

GEOFFREY N. FIEGER, STEPHEN HNAT; TERRANCE BAULCH; AND FIEGER, FIEGER, KENNEY & JOHNSON, P.C.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

CASE NO. 07-CV-12496
HON. LAWRENCE P. ZATKOFF

JEFFREY REES, LYNN HELLAND, CHRISTOPHER VARNER, M. KENDALL DAY,

Defendants.
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ORDER

AT A SESSION of said Court, held in the United States Courthouse, in the City of Port Huron, State of Michigan, on the _23rd___ day of August, 2007.

PRESENT: THE HONORABLE LAWRENCE P. ZATKOFF
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

On June 11, 2007, Plaintiffs filed the instant action, which action stems from alleged wrongdoing by the Defendants in conducting an investigation of alleged violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act by the Plaintiffs. On August 1, 2007, Defendants filed a "Notice Regarding Related Matters." In that Notice, Defendants state that this case, as well as four cases assigned to Judge Rosen (Misc. Case Nos. 05x71710, 05x71994, 05x74527 and 06x50057) and one case assigned to Judge O'Meara (Case No. 07-12976) "are related to each other and to *Hnat v. Helland, et al*, Case No. 5:07-CV-10869 (Rosen, J.) And *Baulch v. Helland, et al.*, Case No. 2:07-CV-11078 (Rosen, J.)."

Defendants do not specify why they believe the cases are related or what action they want this Court to take, and Plaintiffs have not filed a response to Defendants' Notice. Based on other cases that have been brought in the Eastern District of Michigan, however, this Court is aware that there are a number of cases that have been brought by one or more of the Plaintiffs against one or more of the Defendants. The Court is also aware that those cases often involved the Federal Election Campaign Act.

For the foregoing reasons, the Court hereby ORDERS Plaintiffs to Show Cause why the case currently before this Court (Case No. 07-12496) is not a companion case to Case No. 5:07-CV-10869 and/or Case No. 2:07-CV-11078. *See* E.D. Mich. L.R. 83.11(b)(7).[1] Plaintiffs shall file their response to the Court's Order to Show Cause on or before August 31, 2007. In addition, the Court ORDERS Defendants to file a reply to Plaintiffs' response. Such reply shall be filed on or before September 10, 2007.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Lawrence P. Zatkoff
LAWRENCE P. ZATKOFF
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: August 23, 2007

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[1]The Court notes that Misc. Case Nos. 05x71710, 05x71994, 05x74527 and 06x50057 appear to remain under seal at this time. Accordingly, the Court would not expect Plaintiffs to know the substance of such cases at this time or be able to identify them as companion cases.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a copy of this Order was served upon the attorneys of record by electronic or U.S. mail on August 23, 2007.

s/Marie E. Verlinde
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